

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACE AND
RECREATION COMMITTEE**

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**October 12, 2016 6:31 pm
Town Hall Conference Room**

Attendees: Dennis Visconti, Chairman, Stephen McDonough, Aldo Ursino, David Goodberg, James Sarno, Maura Campbell, Cynthia Hemenway Steve Sylvester & Jack Bracciotti

Absent Members: Therese DiBlasi

Guests: : Steve Angelo, Recreation Director

***A Motion was held:** S.Sylvester made a motion; asking that a portion of revenue from the Golf Course be used for the remaining repairs for the irrigation of Unicorn Golf Course. The motion passed unanimously.

1. RE: Ice Skating Arena –A Solution to the Arena’s badly needed repairs such as a needed ice floor system; raising the ice time rates is a must; in which it could repay 1.5 bond issued for 30 years has been on hold and may not be needed until a clear precise engineering estimate of the Arena is done. We viewed pricings of many arenas and Stoneham is in the same pricing range or better. A 10 dollar increase has been approved so far. TA would like more transparency for the Arena, and an engineer can give us the scenario we need. Aldo Ursino is looking into sign bylaws for a sponsor to maybe name the Arena with a large Free Standing Illuminating By-Laws do allow a sign with few exceptions of the sign designs.

2. RE: Play Grounds/ Field Permits & Recreation- Steve Angelo Rec. Dir is looking forward to promoting Rec park for more upkeep and renovating, sponsors are a start. He would like to see a plan/estimate on a few topics for Rec Park. E.g. new clay, lighting system, irrigation system are a few ideas for Rec Park. And he also thinks paying for it won’t be a problem, donations concession stands and other things that the finance department can work with Steve can make a revitalization of Rec Park come true. He would like to collaborate with the New T.A. He would like more control of the permit schedule so he can make sure the fields are being used to its full potential. Permit needs reformatting; it should have a signature under cleaning up field section. Steve announced proposals for Spring Recreation is in the works. Dave Goodberg and Steve Angelo have worked together to incorporate all of Stoneham’s fields and open space recreation activities on one site link to collaborate it with Stoneham Town Hall’s site: the URL to be announced next meeting.

3. RE: Golf Courses – Sterling is in the process of Changing sprinkler heads. Roughly 110 heads have been replaced so far could be another 80 heads to go.

* See Motion Above. Business is very well at our Golf Course. The more investment that is put into the Golf Course the more it pays for itself and revenue for the town, the golf courses are a success for its first year, even though working with old infrastructure and a drought, and we at the OSR are amazed of the success.

4. RE: Community Compact- The town finished the project of Stoneham's open Space Inventory. And now the final step is the completion of the final analysis of the inventory to be submitted to Division of Local Services of an OSR report and results, must be passed in by June 2017 in which will award us MAPC grants.

5. RE: Dog Park- The Dog Park can be funded by Grants but we must apply for them with the help from the T.A. We were told Jennifer Welter had someone ask her for a Dog Park and wants to make a donation towards one. We will know more by the end of the year to the start of next year on the Dog Park subject.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM Submitted by: Aldo Ursino